

LEWISHAM PARENT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

TRANSITION

Transition Review

In the final years at school, from Yr9 onwards, young people will be supported to make choices about the future. The move from school into adult life is called transition.

The Annual Review of your child's statement of Special Educational Needs in year 9 will be a Transitional Review. This will be the start of planning towards adult life and will be an important meeting for you and your child.

Before the meeting the Local Authority (LA) is required to inform both Social Care and the Connexions Service that the review is taking place. The Connexions Service will be able to provide support and advice concerning education, training and employment options for when your child leaves school. The Connexions Service will be responsible for ensuring that the actions described in the Transitional Plan carried out. Your Child's Connexions Careers Adviser will help you and your child identify the most appropriate post 16 provision and will be able to provide information, advice and support for your child at this time.

Following the review, the school will send an Annual Review report to the LA. You will also receive a copy. The Head Teacher, in liaison with the Connexions Service will draw up a Transition Plan for your child. The Connexions Service will be responsible for ensuring that the actions described in the Transition Plan are carried out.

The Transition Plan will describe:

- What the young person is good at and those areas that still need extra support.
- Targets for your child's education and training over the next year.
- Any changes that need to be made at school to prepare your child for transition.
- The young person's ideas and hopes for the future.
- Your views, as their parent/carer, on the young person's future life.
- Work experience opportunities.
- An action plan that will support the young person to reach the goals agreed at the meeting. *This will be reviewed annually.*
- How the services involved with your child will work together to provide an effective transition.

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Post –16 Options could include:

- Staying on at school
- College Placement
- Modern Apprenticeships
- Employment

The Connexions Service should be invited to and attend the review meeting in year 11 in order to ensure that the Transition Plan is updated appropriately. Connexions Service has a responsibility for ensuring that an assessment of the young person's needs on leaving school is undertaken and the provision identified.

Connexions should monitor and support the move from school to the next step. If needed the young person can continue to receive support until the age of 25.

If somewhere for the young person to attend once they leave school is found, it is a good idea for a representative from this placement be invited to the meeting.

The Statement

Statements will generally remain in force until the young person leaves school, unless the LA ceases to maintain it prior to this. A statement will lapse automatically when a young person moves into further education. Therefore, if the young person, the parents, the LA and the further education institution are all in agreement about the young person's transfer, there is no need to formally cease the statement since the young person will cease to be a pupil for whom the LA is responsible for after leaving school, and so the statement will lapse.

Some pupils with statements and special educational needs will remain in school after the age of 16. The LA remains responsible for such pupils until they are 19.

In the autumn term of year 11, if not before, the young person should start deciding what he/she would like to do at the end of the school year.

Further information:

Lewisham Council: www.lewisham.gov.uk

Lewisham College: www.lewisham.ac.uk

Bromley College: www.bromley.ac.uk

Choice: www.mychoicelondon.co.uk

Inter-Agency Transition Team: 020 7138 1408

Local Authority 14 – 19 Team: 020 8314 3941

Special Education Needs Code of Practice 2001

To obtain a copy telephone: 0845 60 222 60 Ref: DfES 581/2001

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